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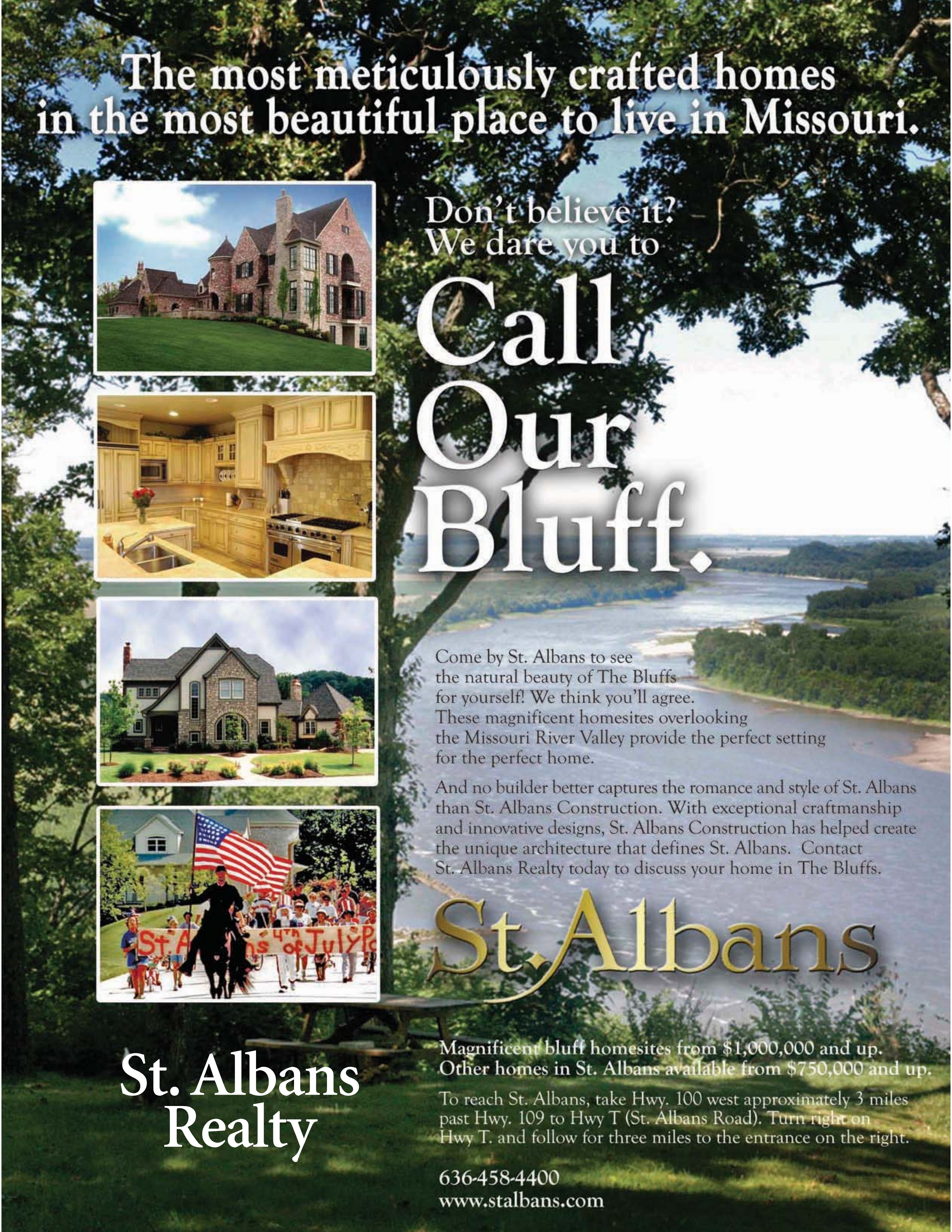
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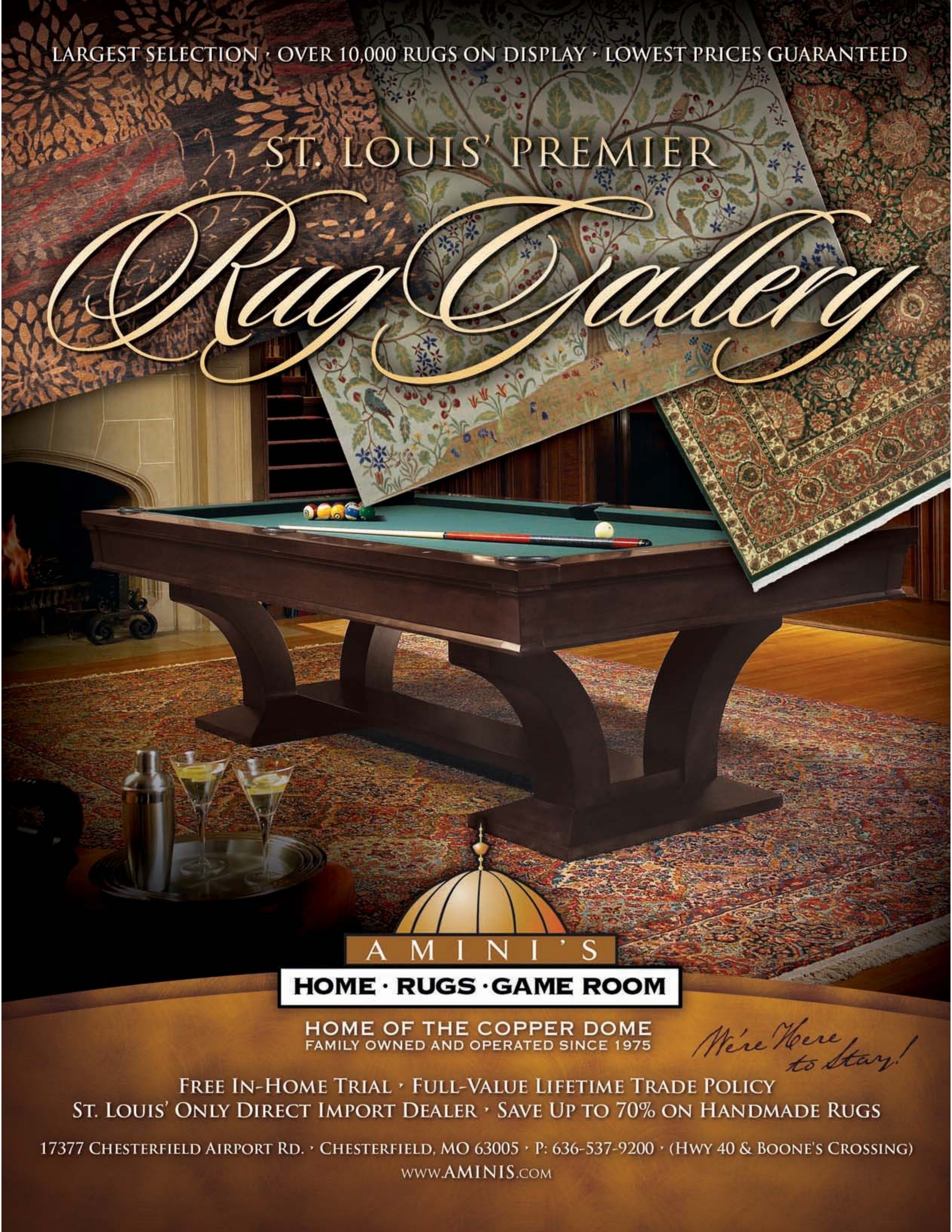
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Becky Carpenter and Peg Mattison enjoy fall apple martinis and the company of friends in **Toss a Party**; Our **Obsession** department features fashion for the fireplace, such as this Majestic Echelon fireplace system from Fireside Hearth & Grill Center; Touches of green punctuate a renovated kitchen space in **Room for Improvement**.

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# Cozy Up to Fall

**Autumn. Just the sound of it makes me smile.** I love everything about the season. In and around St. Louis, the landscape is never more beautiful than in October, and picturesque outings to any number of the area's most spectacular settings are always memorable. I'm constantly amazed at the beauty of the season on my favorite drives to historic St. Albans, just west of St. Louis, where the vibrant fall palette sweeps the countryside.



In this issue, our suburban home (pages 36-47) nestles in the breathtaking St. Albans countryside. The "village-inspired" residence is a scenic place with the allure of a quaint Italian village. Its captivating European charm and character may inspire a trip down memory lane or an adventure yet to come – on any continent.

Our urban home at the Greystone (pages 30-35), featured on the 2009 Central West End Condominium and Terrace Tour, comes alive on the pages of the magazine. The newly renovated condominium pays tribute to its historic roots with grand style.

For a fall garden to remember (pages 48-53), the Webster Groves garden of Pam Reynolds is a storybook place that unfolds in picture-perfect style. Her grandchildren love it, and so will you.

A "season-opener," our Toss a Party department (pages 20-22) is sure to infuse your next get-together with a fresh, colorful menu. It's a recipe for the perfect party! Chef Julia Krelo will prepare a wonderful fall menu at Cooking School on October 14th. Be sure to see the announcement on page 74.

For other events around town, see our calendar on page 26. You can always visit our website at www.stlouishomesmag.com to find our expanded, ongoing calendar, and be sure to visit our *SLHL* Facebook page by signing up at www.facebook.com. We'll keep you up-to-date with the newest happenings, products and information to keep you in the loop. At *SLHL*, we love to stay connected – with you!

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Our Obsession department (pages 12, 14 & 16) lights up with fabulous fireplace ideas. It's the perfect season to create a warm, cozy ambience in all of your living spaces. **Below (left to right):** Lennox X-FIRES™ Widescreen gas fireplace, Lennox Merit™ Plus see-through gas fireplace, and Lennox Crestline™ B-Vent fireplace, all from St. Louis Home Fires.

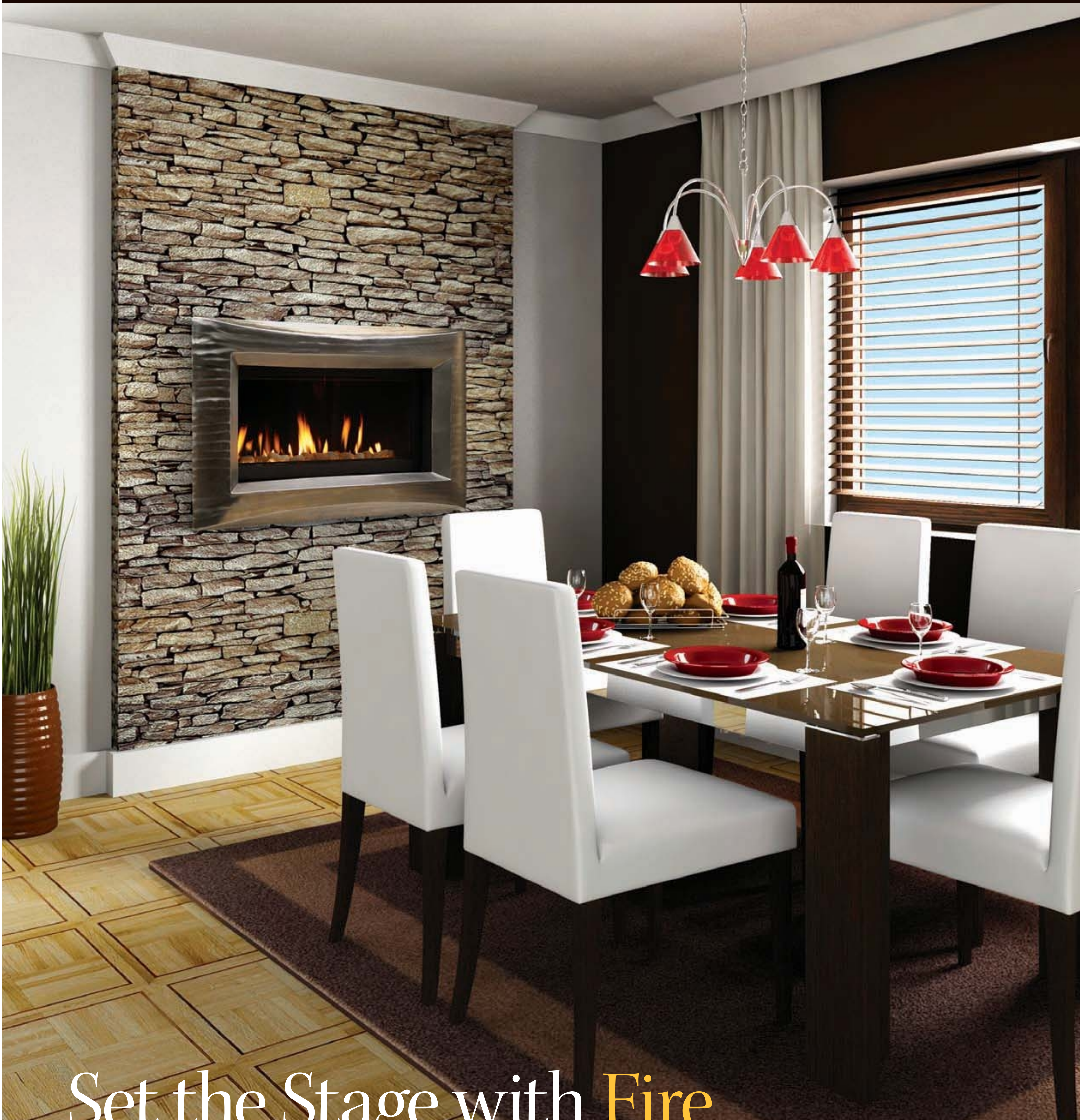







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BY KATIE UNDERHILL

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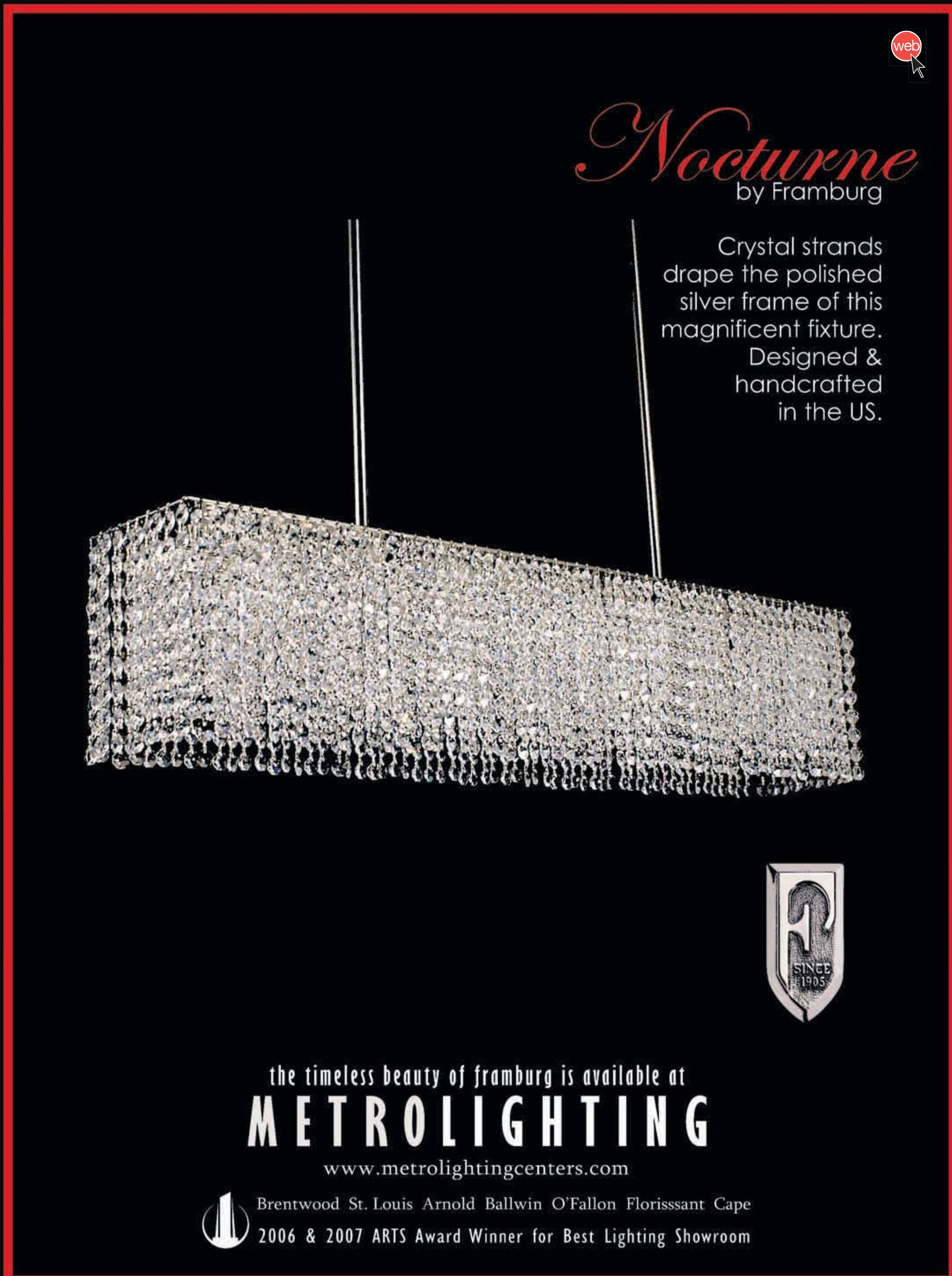


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# Timeless Artistry

## Keeping a Legacy Alive






**If a stroll through** Bill Stack's Mediterranean-style residence isn't a sufficient testament to the quality of artisanship at Koch Bros. Decorating, Inc., then a peek at the company's impressive portfolio will explain how Bill Stack continues his grandfather's business. A leading St. Louis full-service painting and decorating company, it has earned a reputation as outstanding as its work. "These businesses are so dependent upon the owner and rapport with clientele," says Bill. "Our name means something." And because Bill decided to follow in his grandfather's footsteps, the business that began in 1930 still thrives today.

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Trips to Europe and a weeklong Venetian plaster workshop in Italy have been the inspiration for many of Bill's designs and techniques. Stencils, styles and colors reminiscent of Old World Europe are scattered throughout Bill's finished works and in his own home. His talents enable him to transform an ordinary wall into a beautiful Mediterranean coastal scene or create a subtle yet shiny alternating stripe pattern that adds the perfect touch of artistry to a room. Bill says that being given artistic freedom in any project is fun, but translating a client's dream into reality is just as rewarding.

BY BARBARA PFITZINGER
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# Are you ready for a *party?*



The countdown to fall football begins with good friends and good food.

BY VICKI PICKLE
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For longtime friends Peg and Mark Mattison and Becky and Dave Carpenter, kicking off the fall football season with a party is a tradition.

This year, they asked chef Julia Krelo of Julia's Catering to prepare a fall-inspired menu to get the season underway. The cool early fall evening couldn't have been better for tossing a party. Guests nibbled on a variety of scrumptious appetizers, toasted the season, and spent a great evening together that started outdoors, with everyone heading indoors for the game. "Entertaining at home is so much more intimate and casual," says Becky.

Chef Julia's idea – to serve fall apple martinis – complemented the pre-game appetizer buffet with a bit of seasonal zest. Friends were treated to a light dinner as they huddled around Mizzou football (the games are the "center" of the party line-up). Hostesses Becky and Peg could not have been more pleased with the reaction to the evening's mouth-watering buffet. "Everyone cheered for the martinis!" they remarked.

During the game, a yummy fall-inspired meal was a big hit. A colorful salad with pomegranate seeds and spiced pecans, cheese soufflé, and butternut squash and pear soup lined the menu.

"The season inspired this colorful, fall-infused menu," explains Julia. "Foods like roasted peppers work well in helping a party to make a nice transition from summer to fall, and the pumpkin mousse with pumpkin brittle epitomizes the harvest season."

The couples, who have been getting together for 15 years, love to celebrate the season with close friends. "Sometimes we have chili or rib 'cook-offs,'" says Peg. "We look forward to weekends, getting together with friends and watching football." The hostesses recommend sending guests home with Trapp and Company scented candles from The Gifted Gardener or, relatively new to the market, ornamental peppers from Ahner's Garden & Gifts as a reminder of the colorful fall get-together.

And with party music filling the air – Sergio Mendez and Brazil 66 – the mood was lively and celebratory in advance of the always hopeful "big win." It this case, everything worked out superbly for a winning and memorable evening. •



**Opposite page:** A fresh, colorful salad introduced the fabulous fall dinner menu. **This page:** A luscious, light pumpkin mousse with pumpkin brittle topped off the party's fall-infused buffet. Bold gazanias add to the autumn flavor of the evening.



**This page:** The fall dinner menu included mesclun greens with pomegranate seeds, green onions, spiced pecans and pomegranate vinaigrette; a warm, scrumptious cheese soufflé; and butternut squash and pear soup. Baby portabella mushrooms with goat cheese and roasted red pepper relish; warm pear and fontina cheese wrapped in prosciutto; and Danish blue cheese and champagne grapes with praline bacon created a taste sensation. Hostesses Becky and Peg chose gazanias in ceramic pots from Ahner's Garden & Gifts to accent the harvest-inspired table, flanked by copper and glass lanterns from The Gifted Gardener. Decorative balls from MKS Designs, Inc. added texture and an extra pop of sunflower color to the tablescape. *See page 74 for resources.*













## FALL PARTY MENU *Created by Chef Julia Krelo of Julia's Catering (pictured right)*

### Appetizer Buffet

- Danish Blue Cheese and Champagne Grapes with Praline Bacon
- Baby Portabella Mushrooms with Goat Cheese Mousse and Roasted Red Pepper Relish
- Warm Pear and Fontina Cheese wrapped in Prosciutto
- Pumpkin Mousse with Pumpkin Brittle
- Fall Apple Martinis

### Light Fall Dinner

- Butternut Squash and Pear Soup
- Cheese Soufflé
- Mesclun Greens with Pomegranate Seeds, Green Onions, Spiced Pecans & Pomegranate Vinaigrette



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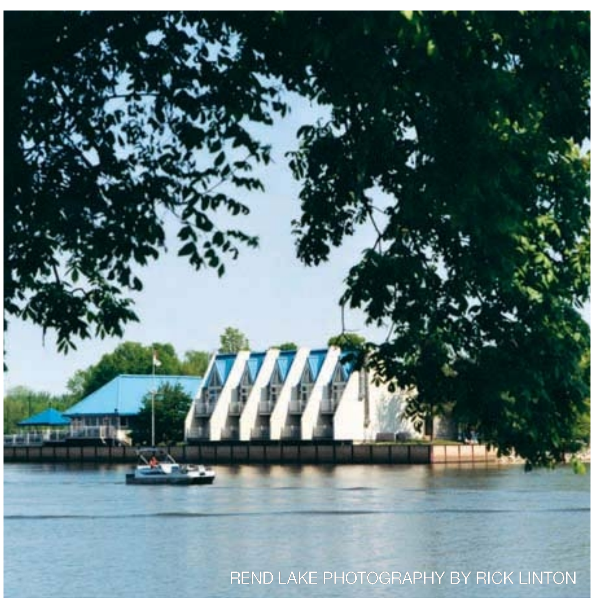


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# Happenings October

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## HOME & DESIGN

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**October 11**
**AALA Fall Historic House Tour.** Take a self-guided tour of the beautiful historic homes, buildings and churches of Alton, some of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tickets on sale beginning Saturday, October 4 at the Alton Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau at 200 Piasa Street. $12 for adults; tickets will also be sold the day of the tour. Noon – 6 p.m. Contact: 618-463-5761.

**October 24**
**Printmaking in the Service of Botany: Four Centuries of Botanical Illustration.** This class will study examples from the collection of rare books and prints owned by the Missouri Botanical Garden to learn about printing processes used between 1500 and 1900. This adults-only class will take place in the Monsanto Center 1st Floor Lobby. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. $40 member, $45 non-member. Contact: 314-577-9400 or www.mobot.org.

## ART/GALLERIES

**October 3 & 4**
**Historic Shaw Art Fair.** One of the premier fine art and fine craft fairs in the St. Louis area. Brunch will be served – cost of brunch includes admission to fair. Dogs on leashes are welcome. Neighborhood parking and in Tower Grove Park; handicapped accessibility. Located on the tree-lined parkway of Flora Place at Tower Grove Ave. Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. $5 for adults and free for children. Contact: www.shawstlouis.org/events/.

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## GARDEN

**October 17 & 18**
**Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society Sale.** New cultivars and old favorites are sold by the area's top growers. Orthwein Floral Display Hall, Ridgway Visitor Center. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Cost included with Garden admission or membership. Contact: 314-577-9400 or www.mobot.org.

**October 17 & 18**
**12th Annual ARTEAST Behind-the-Scenes Studio Tour.** Enjoy behind-the-scenes visits with Madison County artists at work in their studios. Local painters, potters, jewelers, photographers, and others will be showcasing their diverse works and answering questions about their inspiration and techniques. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Contact: 618-462-5222 or www.slfp.com/ArtGalleries.htm

**October 31**
**Metropolitan St. Louis African Violet Council Sale.** New cultivars and old favorites are sold by the area's top growers. Beaumont Room, Ridgway Visitor Center. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Cost included with Garden admission or membership. Contact: www.mobot.org.

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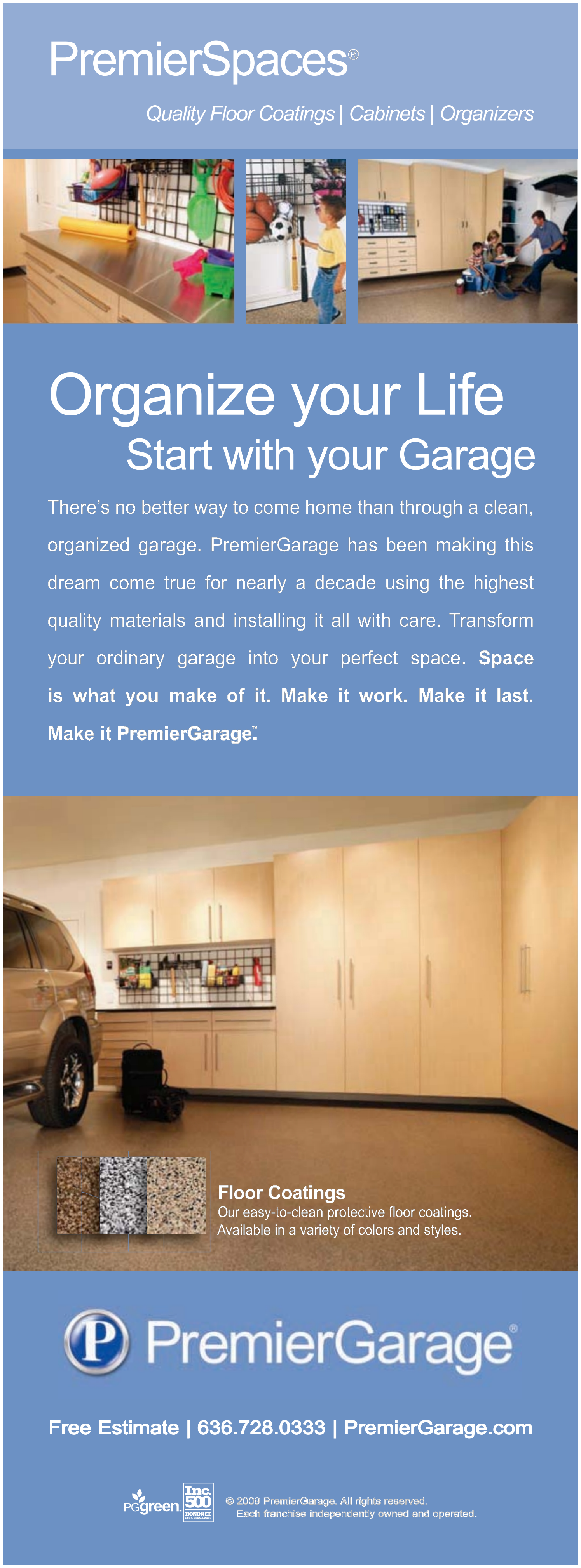
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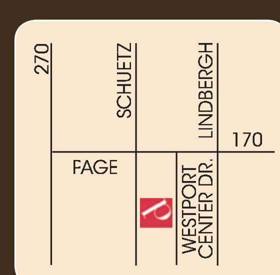
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Cool sophistication blends with classic elegance in this stunning Central West End condo that recalls the glamour and refinement of its lavish past.

BY JUDY UELK
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ROB GRIMM

It's a glorious place where clinking glasses and intimate conversations go hand in hand. A place where you can sit for hours lingering over a savory meal, then lounge on the comfy sofa enjoying smooth jazz on the baby grand piano. A place where you feel transported back to an era when coolness was timeless and the magic that was life itself made everyone walk with a spring in their step.

This is a place that Bob Becherer, Greg Davis and Murphy, their 12-year-old sable-colored Sheltie, call home. Their impeccably decorated condo in a historic building in the fashionable West End exudes warmth and style and was recently a featured stop on the Central West End Condominium and Terrace Tour. With a commitment to breathing new life into this high-rise condominium complex, Bob and Greg are instrumental in current and upcoming renovations through the Greystone's Aesthetic Committee. "We are constantly striving to maintain the building's heritage, but also stay current," says Greg.

Friends for years, the homeowners jumped at the chance to transform the condo into a classically elegant residence befitting the grandeur and heritage of the Greystone. Constructed in 1927 as apartments for visiting dignitaries, the Greystone was converted to condominiums in 1978. In its original heyday, the Greystone was the epitome of classic elegance, and it is this grandeur that Bob and Greg worked diligently to restore. They turned to Kelly Kenter, President and Owner of Sitelines, Inc., a full-service construction

**Left:** Magnificently upholstered walls in a taupe accordion striped silk provide a one-of-a-kind entrance into the living room from the hallway. Brimming with accessories and life, the living room is truly a reflection of the homeowners' love for creating gathering areas for entertaining. Frank Patton Interiors was instrumental in helping Bob and Greg choose marvelous furniture pieces for their home. "Their designers are very talented at taking ideas planned for larger spaces and making them work in a smaller space, like ours," say the homeowners.

firm, to help them realize their dreams. "Kelly took the ideas that we had and made them possible," says Bob. "As a result, we painted, redesigned and built a new fireplace in the den, enhanced the dining room's substantial woodwork with dentil moldings, updated the lighting and kitchen appliances, and converted an office space into a half bath adjacent to the kitchen."

The 50-foot grand gallery hall with its gorgeous barrel ceiling – painted a glistening gold and lit with 22 recessed cans – creates a canopy of light that envelops you in its glow as you enter the magnificent home. Dotted with contemporary artwork amidst stylish antique furniture and transitional fabrics, the gallery hall speaks to the owners' love of "mixing it up."

"We love to meld the traditional with the contemporary. It keeps things fresh and interesting," say the owners. Their traditional style, punctuated with a contemporary edge, brings to mind elements of the art deco and art nouveau periods.

Both Bob and Greg have accumulated artwork over time. "We pick up things on trips, especially to Vail, Colorado. But we also love to attend the Clayton Art Fair and visit the Central West End galleries," they say. "We think it's important to buy locally whenever we can and support local businesses, artisans and shows."

Golden oak herringbone floors lead you to each beautifully appointed, art-filled room. The kitchen has stood the test of time and remains classic and handsome. The dark cherry cabinets with a mahogany finish and satin nickel pulls are perfectly juxtaposed with the new striking black granite backsplash, countertops and island, creating a chic, warm gathering place.

*"We love to meld the traditional with the contemporary. It keeps things fresh and interesting."*
*– homeowners*

Bob and Greg love to entertain, and their custom-designed kitchen serves them well. "One thing I would always have," says Greg, "is two ovens. It just makes everything so much easier when you have a party." Bob is quick to point out that Greg is the cook. "He's fabulous at it," says Bob with a smile. "I just set the table and stay out of the kitchen."

The butler's pantry connects the kitchen with the living room and features the built-in cabinetry original to the units on all the floors of the Greystone. Although they discussed removing it for a more updated look, Bob




**Above:** Beautifully textured grasscloth wallcovering in the home's superbly planned kitchen lends a rich, natural feel to the space that leads to a small terrace overlooking the property's pool and manicured landscaping. A small room located just off the kitchen was once a tiny office and has been magically transformed into a jewel box of a bathroom for guests. **Opposite page:** As if under a canopy, the grand gallery hallway is a display space for contemporary artwork that melds with traditional furniture and appointments to keep the décor interesting, fresh and unexpected. An antique demilune table from West End Antiques Gallery is a focal point at the end of the hallway. Rice paper wallcovering adds textural interest to the home's art-filled entry.





*"The condo works really well for entertaining. We've had 80 people here gathered around the piano and spilling into the living room, dining room, gallery hall and den."* – *Bob, homeowner*

and Greg decided that they loved its charm too much and appreciated having something that was original to the building. "Its primary function today is to display extra china," says Bob, "but more importantly, it serves as a dry bar for parties."

As much as Greg loves to cook and prepare for a soirée, Bob loves to entertain once the party starts. An accomplished pianist and seasoned performer, Bob loves to sing for family and friends. "This condo works really well for entertaining," he says. "We've had 80 people here before, gathered around the piano and spilling into the living room, dining room, gallery hall and den."

"We love the elegance of our home," says Greg, "though it's not too formal. We want our guests to feel comfortable putting their feet up and relaxing in a pretty but inviting space."

Originally separated by a wall, Greg and Bob opened up the living room and a den space with a doorway, visually expanding the rooms and allowing them to speak volumes to each other. The den, filled with beloved books, is yet another place that implores you to get comfy and stay awhile. The homeowners' choice, ambient lighting is present in every room. "Besides the gallery hall, you won't find overhead lights anywhere," they say. "Lamp lighting is so much more pleasant. And of all our lamps have dimmers – one of the easiest and best ways to create atmosphere."





For these avid party-givers, the dining room has, of course, been the center of numerous gatherings. Papered in a classic deep red and gold stripe, the room can easily accommodate 12 to 14 people for a sit-down dinner; an opening to the hallway allows for flexibility and expansion. Formal silk drapery frames a grand window and helps set the tone for a special dining experience.

"Our place is entirely different at night," say the homeowners. "Each room has a full north, west and south view. Looking out at the twinkling lights of the city – it is just dazzling!"

Reminiscent of the glamour of a bygone era, this stunning West End condo is unequivocally genteel and utterly delightful, a clear reflection of the two gentlemen who call it home. •

*See page 74 for design resources.*

**Opposite page:** A butler's pantry – with original built-in cabinetry – serves as a fabulous display case for china and glassware. The space connects the kitchen to the dining room and works as an ideal bar area for parties. **Above:** The condominium's two tailored bedrooms and luxurious baths are masterfully designed. A gorgeous four-poster canopy bed is the focal point in this room. **Left:** An elegant dining table – set with crystal embellishments – sparkles with drama and features floral arrangements by Scott Hepper, master floral designer. Flowers from Straub's Fine Grocers.



# Provincial Perfection



The rolling countryside of St. Albans is the setting for a remarkable European-inspired residence.

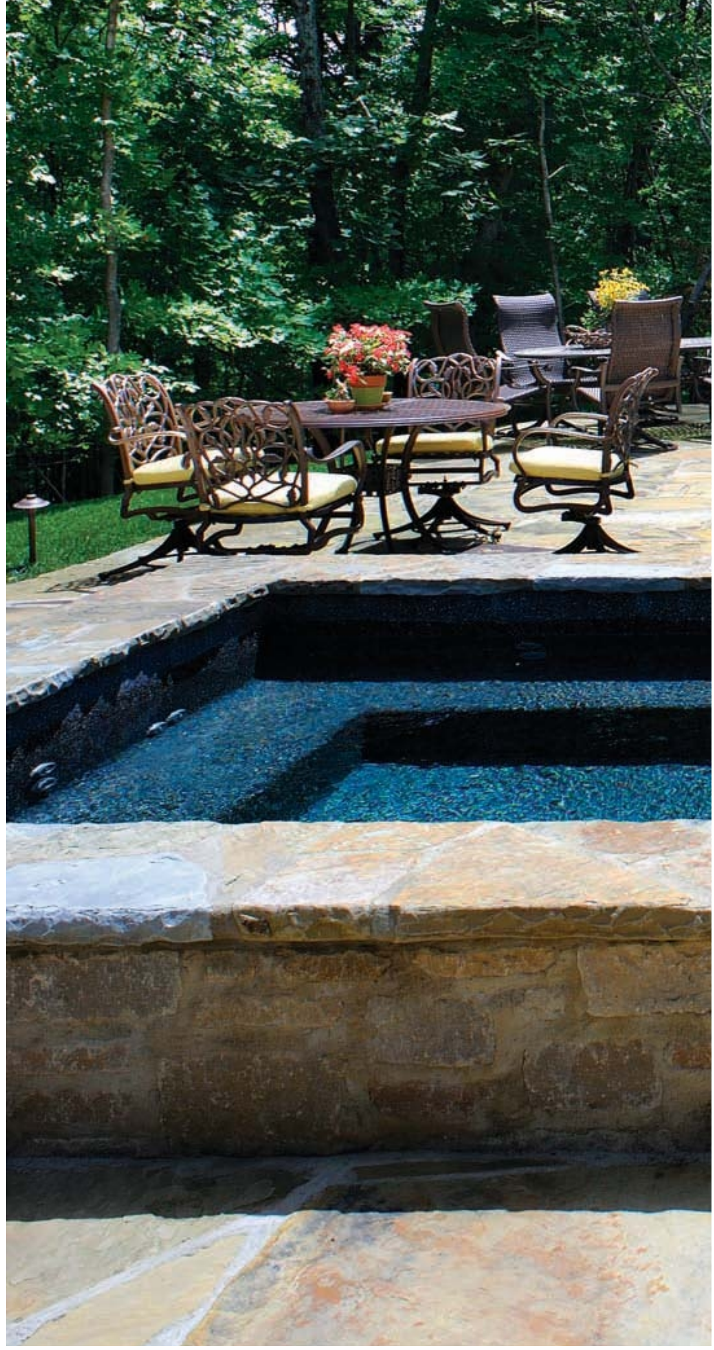
BY VICKI PICKLE PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHAEL JACOB

*"Tuscany is a state of grace. The countryside is so lovingly designed that the eye sweeps the mountains and valleys without stumbling over a single stone."*

*– Irving Stone, American writer (1903 - 1989)*

For St. Albans homeowners with a passion for "creating a home and seeing it come to life," a residence reminiscent of the quaint villages of Italy was the ultimate vision. The result is *magnifico.*

A scenic, winding drive through a wooded landscape ends at a quiet clearing, revealing a perfect countryside setting for the place that owners Gene and Marcia refer to as "village-inspired." The exceptional residence – complete with a main house, a carriage house and a pub – is home to the St. Louis couple. They were fortunate to collaborate with a team of companies and extraordinary individuals





who contributed to the architecturally rich residence that exudes the appeal of a European country manor. "They are each incredibly talented and dedicated professionals who take pride in every detail," say the couple.

The couple's vision was for each of the three buildings to incorporate a variety of European-styled light fixtures and shutters. Inviting park benches and a charming group of chairs are placed around the "village" setting. The homeowners created a small park with a rippling creek, and used fountains, hanging baskets, flower boxes and rustic signs to punctuate the landscape. "Our grandkids love to play in our creek and enjoy catching frogs, tadpoles, turtles and an occasional lizard," says Gene with a smile.

The couple drew on a wide repertoire of ideas, design experiences and travels to create the warm, eclectic look they desired – marrying an aesthetic that encompasses



**Opening pages:** The homeowners envisioned a setting for their home where each structure boasts its individuality in keeping with the feel of building façades in a small Tuscan village. **Opposite page bottom left:** Many sentimental family heirlooms contribute to the comfortableness of the house, making it feel like home. The Italian blue color of Marcia's first Schwinn bicycle displays perfectly as a decoration in the yard, leaning leisurely against the house. **Above:** A mesmerizing waterfall highlights the heated, salt-water Mediterranean-style pool. This dynamic feature captures the essence of the outdoors, unifying it with its natural surroundings. **Right:** The pub is an eclectic space with an authentic, rustic European feel. Gene enjoys the space and occasional poker games. He is an avid hunter, and the couple has incorporated his hobby into the décor.



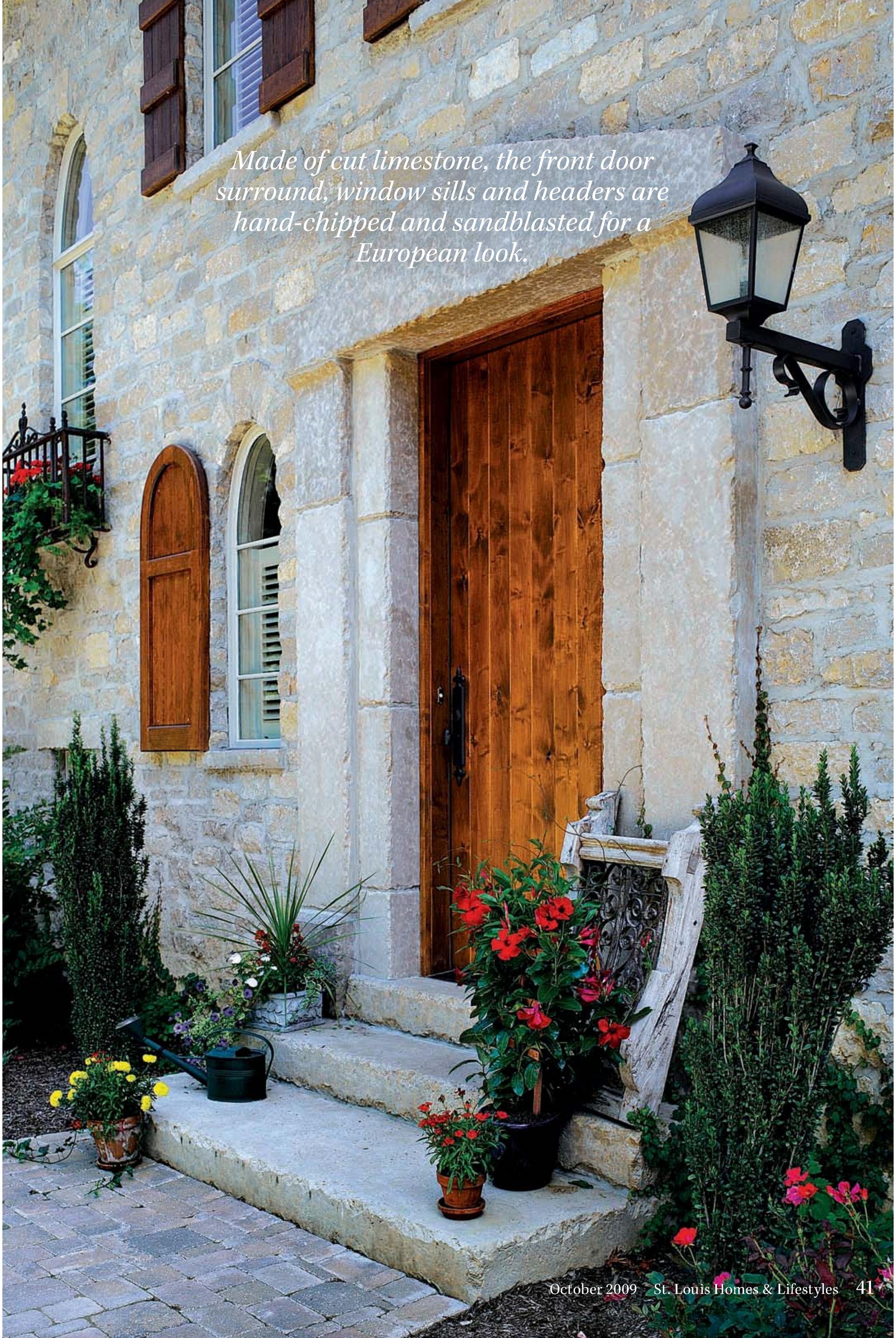


**Above:** Marcia hosts girls' weekends with high school and work friends. The carriage house, comfortably designed to mimic a countryside inn, provides a cozy, private space for guests to relax. **Below:** An iron window guard becomes the perfect spot for hanging herbs and dried flowers. An old, weathered door was reclaimed and painted. **Opposite page:** "Gene's ability to replicate things is amazing," says Marcia. A number of these recreated items have been motivated by favorite books, such as the limestone front door surround from *The Most Beautiful Villages of Provence*, by authors Michael Jacobs and Hugh Palmer. *Tuscan Elements*, by Alexander Black, inspired the light fixture at the front door.



Italian and French Provençal design. "We began our personal building projects 25 years ago by renovating a farm house in Chesterfield. After that experience, we decided to go with new construction and have designed, built, and have since decorated 10 personal residences, and six have been at St. Albans," say the couple. "We name all of our homes that we build after our children and grandchildren. This home is the *il villaggio piccolo di Tessa Marie*, meaning the little village of Tessa Marie. Tessa is three years old and our youngest grandchild."

"I am always asked where I get my ideas for decorating, and there isn't any one source. I may find an idea in a travel brochure, on a wine bottle, or in a magazine," says Marcia. "Then there is always the unexpected. Ben, a 19-year-old college student, came with friends of ours



*Made of cut limestone, the front door surround, window sills and headers are hand-chipped and sandblasted for a European look.*



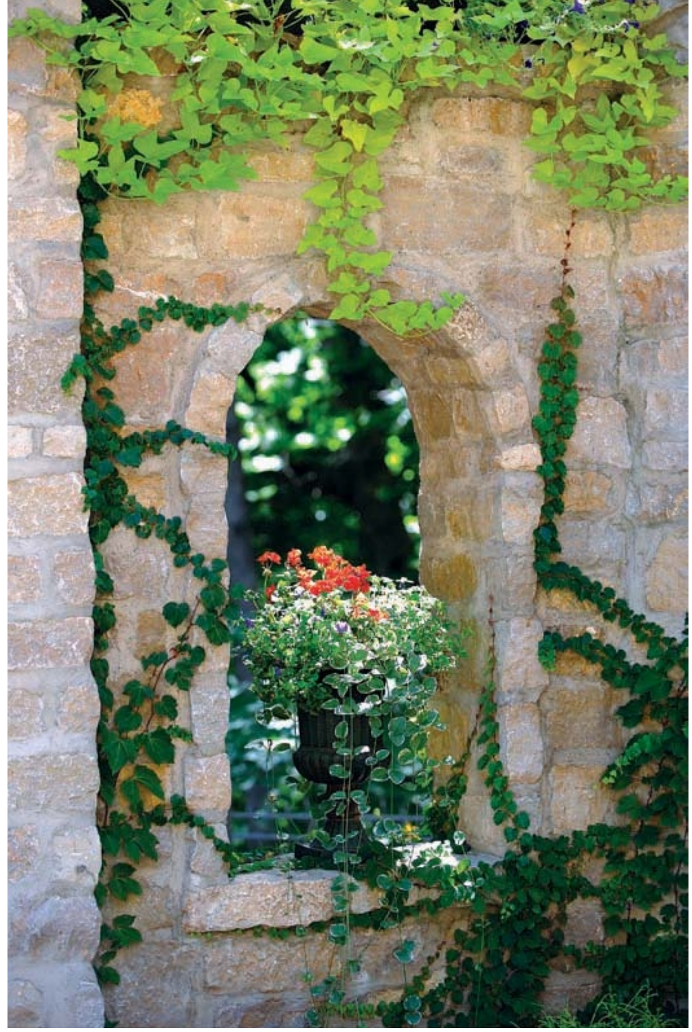
*Described as "roomy and comfortable" by Gene, the compliment is a testament to the home's irresistibly welcoming feel.*

to see the house while it was under construction. We already had a window in the front of the tower in the pub. Looking up at the tower, Ben made the comment that a big clock would have looked good in the tower. We couldn't believe we didn't think of that. We quickly began looking at different clock towers on the Internet, found what we liked, and ordered the Roman numerals and mechanism. We named the clock 'Big Ben' after the college student who gave us the idea."

Marcia and her sister began taking special once-a-year trips together to Europe when Gene went on hunting trips with his buddies. These trips inspired her to shape a look for their new St. Albans home that combined touches of Italy and France into both the furnishings and the design aesthetic.

"Gene and I work as a team. If I have an idea and share it with Gene, by the end of the day he has it figured out and finished. We've been known to get up at 2 a.m. and sit at the kitchen counter and design our next home," says Marcia.

A stroll through the home is a mini-journey through time.



**Opposite page:** The great room evokes a European sensibility, and it features personal touches from both Gene and Marcia. An alcove spotlights an iron door – a piece of St. Louis trivia – from the Henry VIII hotel and restaurant on Lindbergh Blvd. **Right:** Authentic European ambience overflows on the grounds and is apparent in all of the home's materials, including the provincial-inspired landscaping. **Below:** The home's gathering space is a wonderfully designed and functional room and exudes the warmth and character of a cozy Italian *cucina.*





*"Both Gene and I like finding unique items and placing them out of their traditional use. We love mixing the old with the new."*

*– Marcia, homeowner*



**This page:** The covered terrace décor includes a red oak fireplace mantel (and another in the great room). Both were crafted by Gene from trees that had fallen trees on the property 20 to 30 years ago. Selecting timber with just the right shape and character, Gene shapes the heart of the tree into a mantel with a chain saw and hand tools.



"Our dining table is a 100-year-old pine French library table. We have a wallpaper cart with pots in the yard, the 'table' in our bedroom was used in a furniture factory to move items through the building process, and old iron window guards are towel racks in the master bath," says Marcia.

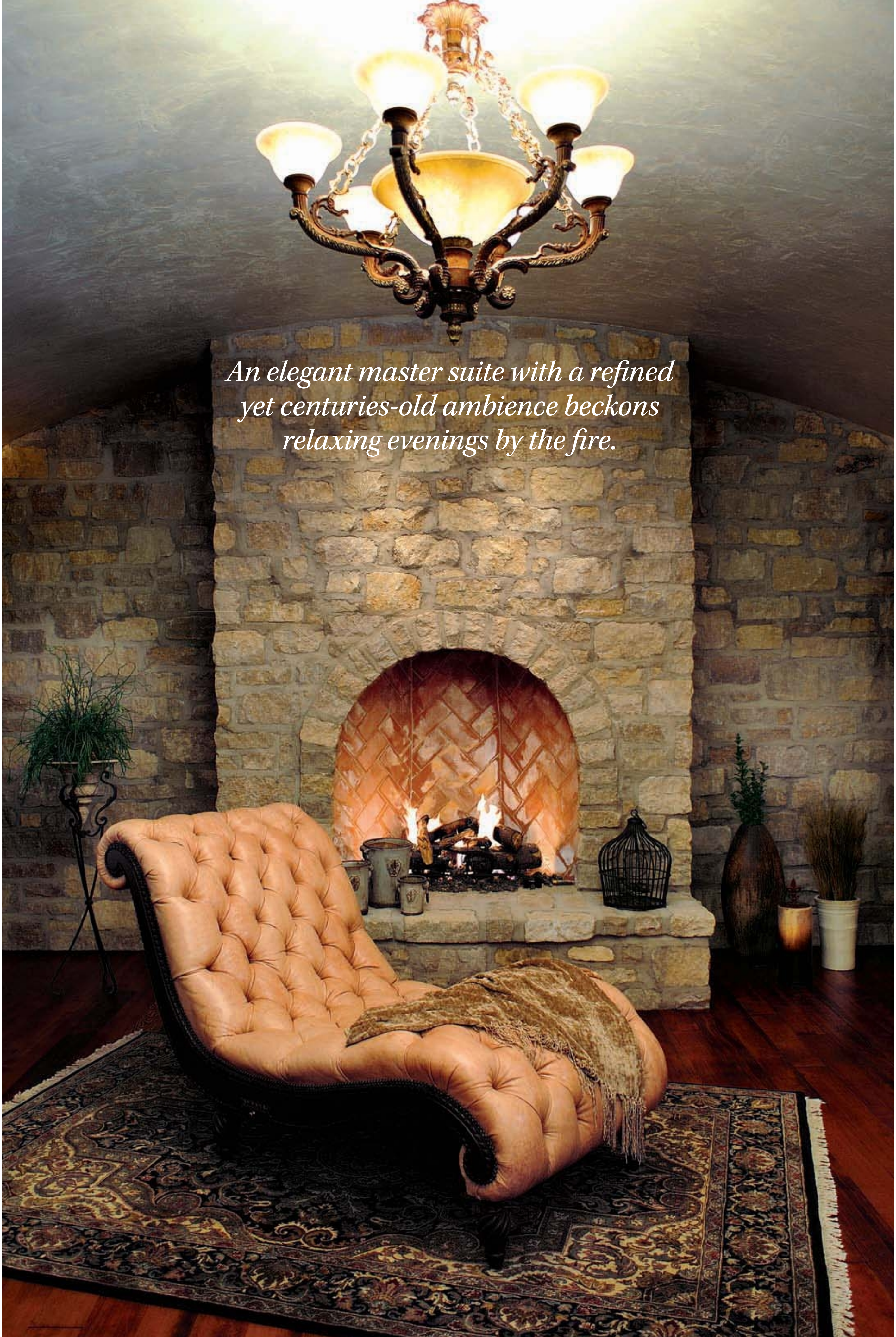
With a spacious carriage house and two guest bedrooms with private baths in the main house, Marcia likes the fact that overnight friends and family have their own places with lots of privacy. And what began as a pool house turned into a pub that Gene and Marcia decorated with a rustic, European flair that includes pub décor from Marcia's parents' business.

The space joins the outdoor living area that features a spectacular Mediterranean-style pool, several waterfalls, cooling side misters, and a custom tanning shelf and hot tub. "When visitors comment that they feel as if they are standing in a village in Europe, we know that we have achieved our goal – to create a home with a touch of Tuscany," say the couple. •

*See page 74 for design resources.*

**Above:** A luxurious master bath adds rich architectural interest to the master suite. An arched entry niche and spacious shower with outdoor lighting are among the extraordinary features of the space. Tone-on-tone limestone spotlights the space and contributes beautifully to the earthy, natural palette. **Below:** The exquisite master bedroom reflects a timeless, European ambience. Gene and Marcia love to blend interesting pieces to create a vista that beckons a second look. **Opposite page:** A striking button-tufted leather chaise is a focal point in the bedroom's sitting area, complementing the spacious master suite and its understated elegance.





*An elegant master suite with a refined yet centuries-old ambience beckons relaxing evenings by the fire.*



# Autumn in bloom



The crisp colors of the season blanket the landscape of this Webster Groves garden overflowing with fall beauty.

BY LUCYANN BOSTON
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHAEL JACOB

A pumpkin patch in Grandma's front yard? Why, it's the stuff that storybooks are made of. Pam Reynolds never dreamed she would lay claim to that kind of "grandma" fame when she moved into her stucco, Mediterranean-style Webster Groves home five and a half years ago.

The front yard landscaping included mature oak trees, a landscaped berm and a charming patio adjacent to the front entrance. The backyard featured numerous hosta, a mature stand of graceful maiden grass and a huge crape myrtle. It also came with drainage problems.

"I spent two years bringing in dirt," recalls Pam, who had renovated gardens at previous homes in Brentwood and University City. Her son-in-law Dennis Koscielski, husband of her daughter Stephanie, helped to install an underground drainage system while Pam worked on the creation of a dry creek bed that would absorb the water runoff during heavy rainstorms.

Pam also found a supporter and friend in next-door neighbor and fellow gardener Janelle Criscione, who had a beautiful garden surrounding her home. To tie in with her neighbor's planting, Pam removed a fence that hid the stone wall lining Janelle's yard, and the two women teamed up to create garden-uniting steps at the back of both yards. Their efforts were so successful that the Missouri Botanical Garden featured both landscapes on the organization's 2008 garden tour.

**Opposite page:** A lush green pathway, flanked by sweeps of autumn color, connects the front and backyard at this lovely Webster Groves home. **Right:** For an extra shot of fall color, Pam Reynolds added seasonal mums to a curbside garden bed.



**Above (from left to right):** Vibrant crape myrtle; Brightly colored pumpkins punctuate the garden and add a touch of the harvest season; Puffs of globe amaranth. **Below:** Plumed maiden grass and fall foliage dress the garden in the shades of the season. A charming stairway leads from the home's elevated deck into the backyard garden. **Opposite page top:** The gate to the charming front patio space is flanked by petite hydrangea trees. **Opposite page bottom:** A fall-filled alcove blends the home's Mediterranean style and autumn décor, set off by mini touches of the season.



Retired from a career in sales management with IBM, Pam currently works part-time as director of marketing and communications for the YouthBridge Community Foundation. She began gardening seriously at age 45 and expanded her knowledge by taking classes at the Botanical Garden and "asking a lot of questions."

Initially, she worked with the plants she had inherited when she purchased her home. "I dug up so many hosta and planted them in different spots," she said





*"I love decorating, and this is truly outside decorating."*

*– Pam Reynolds, homeowner*

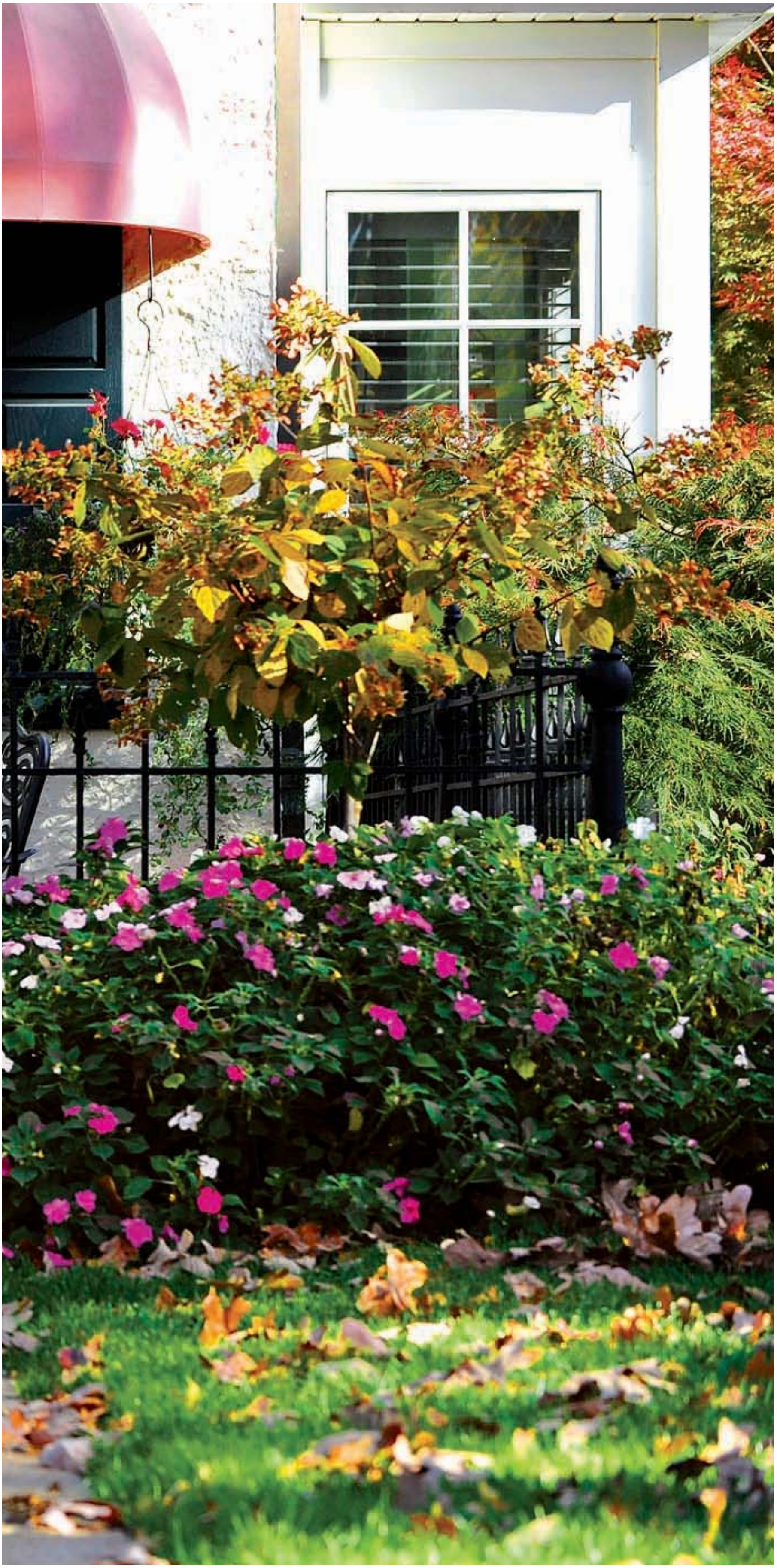
with a laugh. Later, she augmented what was already in the yard, adding azaleas, rhododendrons, more crape myrtles, hydrangeas, a line of mature arborvitae, lush red Knock Out roses, daisies and seasonal annuals. She also tucked in an herb garden. Pam does most of the work herself. "It's a stress reliever, and it's also good exercise," she says with a smile.

To give structure to the planting, Pam installed a scalloped, white picket fence at the rear of the garden and added an arbor near the house to tie the two parts of the yard together. Throughout the backyard and along the sides of her home, Pam scattered low, wrought-iron fences and chairs to mark pathways and provide an inviting place to sit and view the surroundings.

"I try to plant what I like," she says pragmatically. "If it doesn't look right or do well, I can always move it."

When she began her garden, Pam wasn't thinking of fall color. But it is there in all its glory, provided by luscious red-leaved dogwoods, red and gold hydrangeas with their decorative dried blossoms, gold-leaved hosta and plumed grasses. The vibrant red orange of her crape





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*– Pam Reynolds, homeowner*

myrtles against the white of the picket fence was a happy surprise. "I planted them for their summer blossoms. I had no idea the fall color would be so beautiful," she says with a smile.

The creation of her front yard "pumpkin patch" was no accident. Each year her granddaughters Caitlyn, now 6, and Emma, 5, have delighted in helping their grandmother turn the berm into an autumn delight by tucking numerous pumpkins in among the rich green and gold of the fall hosta leaves. "When it's time for Halloween, we add spooky decorations like a skeleton," Pam explains. "When Halloween is over, I take away those things and leave the pumpkins until Thanksgiving."

In true storybook fashion, the pumpkins were so happy in the soil of Pam's garden, seeds that escaped as the pumpkins deteriorated have taken root. "I now have a pumpkin vine that stretches out onto the lawn and three pumpkins that are turning orange," she says with delight. "I love decorating, and this is truly outside decorating." •

**Opposite page:** A walkway leads to an inviting terrace at the front of the home, which beckons guests to enjoy a relaxing, colorful outdoor garden space.

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# All Fired Up

## Warm up fireside as the weather turns cool.

BY KATIE UNDERHILL



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- **CONTINUE** watering ornamentals, especially evergreens if soils are dry.
- **COVER** tender plants with sheets or lightweight fabric row covers to gain a few degrees of frost protection.
- **PLANT** spring bulbs among hostas, ferns, daylilies or ground covers. As these plants grow in the spring they will hide the dying bulb foliage.
- **ENSURE** vigorous blooms later this winter by leaving Christmas cactus, potted azaleas and kalanchoe outdoors until night temperatures drop to about 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- **POT** spring bulbs for forcing and store in a cool, frost-free place until it's time to bring them indoors, usually 12 to 15 weeks.
- **HARVEST** gourds when their shells become hard or when their color changes from green to brown.
- **DIG UP** cannas and dahlias when frost nips their foliage. Allow the plants to dry under cover in an airy, frost-free place before storage.
- **SOW** cover crops such as winter rye after crops are harvested.
- **PLACE** wire guards around trunks of young fruit trees for protection against mice and rabbits.
- **WINTERIZE** lawn mowers and store.
- **HARVEST** winter squash and pumpkins before frost. For best storage quality, leave an inch or two of stem on each fruit.
- **KEEP** leaves raked off lawns to prevent smothering grass.
- **TRANSPLANT** deciduous trees once they have dropped their leaves.
- **PLANT** tulips late this month.
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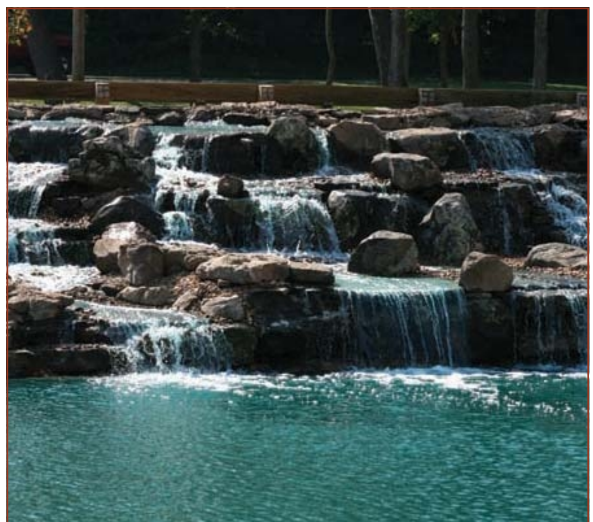
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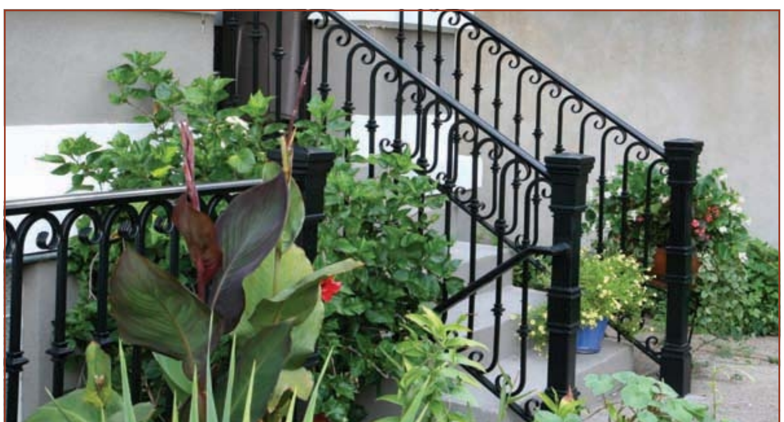
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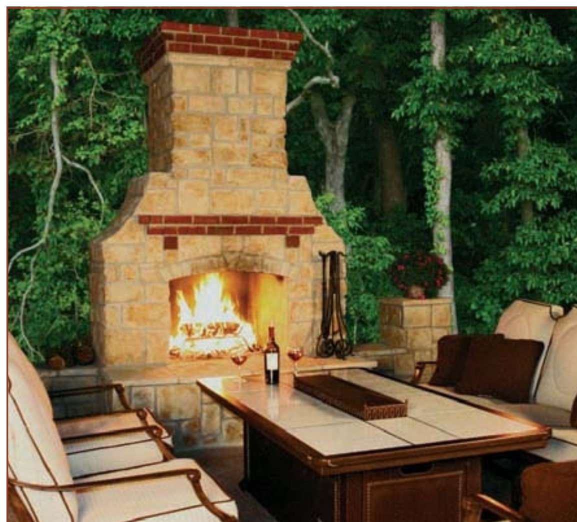
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# Greening the Greens

## A golf community embraces green living both on and off the course.

BY JUDY UELK

When you think of a golf course, what immediately comes to mind? The beautiful greens, naturally. And when you surround that golf course with environmentally designed and built homes, the greens just become greener.

The Greens at Fox Run is a quaint little community of luxury English country-inspired cottage homes complete with steep roofs, arched windows and stone exteriors. Nestled into the landscape that surrounds the Fox Run Golf Club in Eureka, Missouri, The Greens offers an opportunity for carefree living that celebrates the fact that living green is living easy.

Each charming cottage is designed and built for a lifetime and embodies the greenest technology available today. In fact, this community of homes has earned the Green Building Initiative Gold Rating by the National Association of Home Builders, one of the highest green ratings a home can receive. Low VOC (volatile organic compounds) paints, recycled content carpeting and recycled newspaper insulation are used in each residence, as are ENERGY STAR® rated appliances.

The Greens employs geothermal energy systems for heat, air conditioning and hot water. During the winter, the heat pump uses heat from the ground to warm the air in a home. In the summer months, the relatively cooler earth contributes to the cooling of the home. A study by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concluded that geothermal energy is the most environmentally friendly heating and cooling system available today.

Healthy and eco-conscious living is what The Greens at Fox Run are all about. Exteriors are crafted from time-tested materials like stone, brick, cement and stucco. In fact, all building materials, inside and out, are chosen not only for their quality, but also for their renewability and low environmental impact in harvesting, manufacturing, construction and livability. From super insulated walls to finely engineered equipment and materials, these houses are built with pride and made to last.

David Ault, owner of The Greens and The Fox Run Golf Club, is an avid golfer and conservationist. It was his vision in the late 1990s to build the most challenging bent grass golf course in the region, and he ended up creating one of the most challenging courses in the Midwest! The Clubhouse and Conference Center that resulted from that vision were wrought with details that gave it the feel of a timeless genteel manor home. Ault's commitment to ecology and his background in the U.S. Navy led him to incorporate the geothermal energy system that now serves each and every home at The Greens. "These right-sized homes are extraordinarily energy-efficient," says Patrick Kelley, project manager at The Greens. They continue the Ault family's commitment to energy-wise construction. The Aults have been heating and cooling the various buildings at the Club, including the picturesque Clubhouse with geothermal systems for over 15 years, long before 'green' was a household word."

And the green of the golf course runs deep. So deep, in fact, that organic fertilizers and an on-site irrigation system help to keep the greens green, too.

Merging the latest in green technology with nature's abundant resources and beauty has made The Greens at Fox Run and the Fox Run Golf Club stand out from other golfing communities. I guess that proves that it is possible to "have it all" and not leave a giant carbon footprint on the planet.

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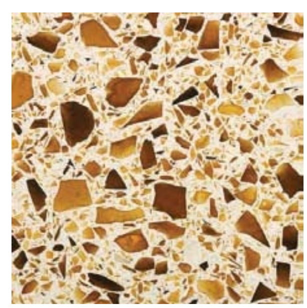
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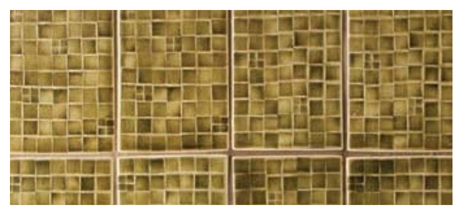
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# Getting in Shape

A creative kitchen renovation is tailored to the active lifestyle of a family of five.

BY KATIE UNDERHILL
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ASHLEY GIESEKING



*"Our family loves spending time in the new kitchen space."*
*– Anne Ronzio, homeowner*

CHALLENGE: To transform and expand an outdated kitchen with structural limitations into a unique, flowing space for the family.

SOLUTION: When Paul and Anne Ronzio decided to expand their St. Louis County home and create a well-designed, open floor plan, they couldn't imagine how perfectly the final product would suit their busy lifestyle. While their old kitchen was small and closed off from the rest of the house, the newly renovated kitchen is spacious and connected with the family room, dining room and mudroom to provide a convenient gathering space for the family and guests.

The experts at Bella Homes, LLC created a stylish yet functional space that has truly become the heart of the home. "We helped put the pieces together by combining the visions of the architect, kitchen designer and homeowners in a cohesive way," says Jeff Battram, operations manager of Bella Homes. Their work, however, took careful planning and a touch of creativity. Because the kitchen was realigned in the expansion process, the builders used visually interesting angles to overcome limitations such as a large load-bearing wall. "The solution of the angles was perfect," says Anne. "Everyone comments on the unique flow, and we like having something so unexpected. Bella turned the limitations into the features we love most."

Stunning details enhance the kitchen's elegant design. Black Wood-Mode cabinets, taupe-green granite with black veining, and stainless steel appliances lend a refined feel to the space, while a backsplash of vertical slate tile ties the palette together. Recessed lighting and gold pendant lights are among the finishing touches that complete the brilliant renovation. "It turned out better than we could have imagined," say the Ronzios.



BEFORE

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# A Striking Style

BY VICKI PICKLE
PHOTOGRAPHY BY
ANNE MATHEIS

## A wonderful mix of traditional and Old World furnishings defines a warm, elegant and timeless space.

CHALLENGE: To transform a plain living room in a charming late nineteenth-century Central West End home into a comfortable, inviting yet elegant space with a fresh, updated look.

SOLUTION: Desiring a living room with traditional décor and Old World touches, a Central West End couple called on Lisa Davis, interior designer for Heirlooms in Clayton, to achieve the look they desired for their urban home. To create a fabulous focal point in the space, significant architectural molding was used to elevate the height of the fireplace mantel and provide depth for accessories. Lisa used soft baby blue vases with a crackle finish to punctuate the setting. A deep chocolate wall adds a dramatic punch to the space and is a backdrop for an arrangement of antiqued mirrors and custom-framed Italian art.



BEFORE

"The soft white woodwork pops off the deep wall color," says Lisa. The artistically styled niche with display space for keepsakes and newer accessories is complemented by a round iron side table with a black stone top. Together, they lend a fresh, transitional slant to the space. Lisa mixed furnishings with interesting shapes, detailing and trims, and while most of the fabrics were selected with durability in mind, a solid copper-colored silk fabric on the back of a French traditional settee helped to appoint the room's color palette. An ottoman top is distinguished with an aqua blue background, coral flowers and touches of green and chocolate. The piece adds seating or doubles as a cocktail table in the exquisitely designed space.

*"I've loved the bold color on the wall from day one." – homeowner*


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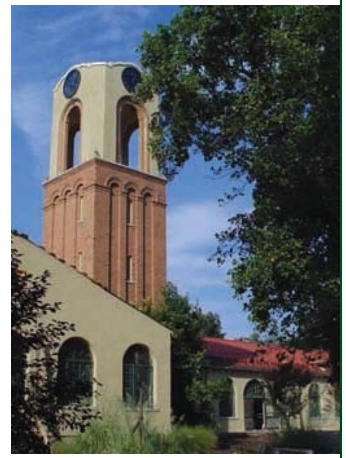

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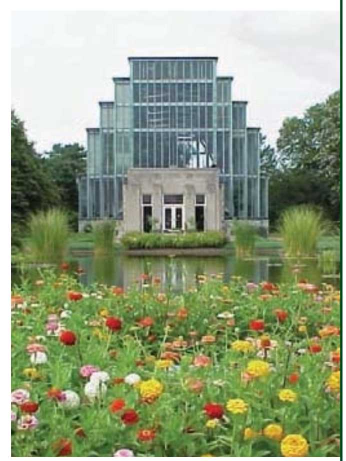
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# City Sleek

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BY BARBARA PFITZINGER



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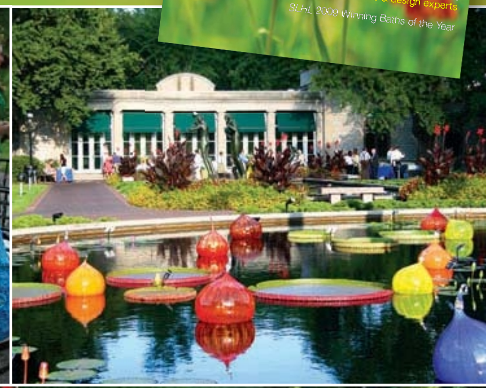
# A Garden Get-Together

The Missouri Botanical Garden was a perfect backdrop for *SLHL's* networking party with featured speaker, Dr. Peter Raven, and catering by Catering St. Louis.





























The evening's entertainment was provided by the Runaway Circus.



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**URBAN FEATURE** (pages 30-35)
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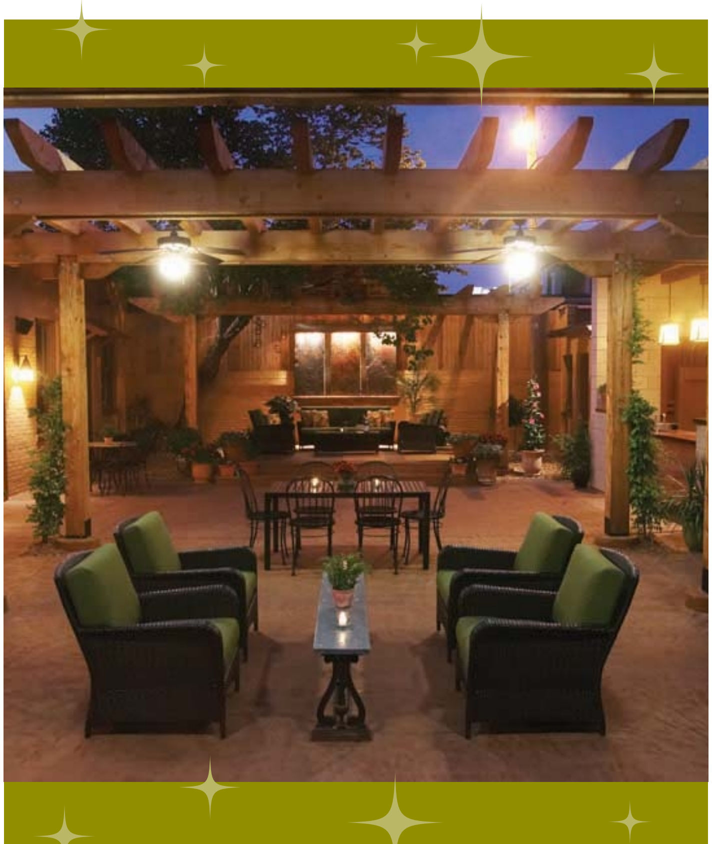
**ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT** (pg. 66)
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Centrally located in "The Hill," a St. Louis neighborhood best known for its historic Italian roots, Oliva on the Hill is housed in an early-1900s building that was once a tavern, restaurant and boarding house. Now, the venue offers a beautiful setting for wedding ceremonies and receptions, rehearsal dinners, and corporate events such as celebrations and retreats.

Designed with the picturesque countryside of Napa Valley in mind, Oliva on the Hill's stunning outdoor property includes a pergola-covered courtyard complete with blooming wisteria and a stone water feature. "It's absolutely magical at night," says Carleen Kramer, director of sales. The venue, however, can be rented out during the day as well as the evening. In addition to Oliva on the Hill's elegant outdoor ambience, terrazzo floors, high-beamed ceilings, impressive archways and leaded glass windows add to the interior architecture and style of the space.

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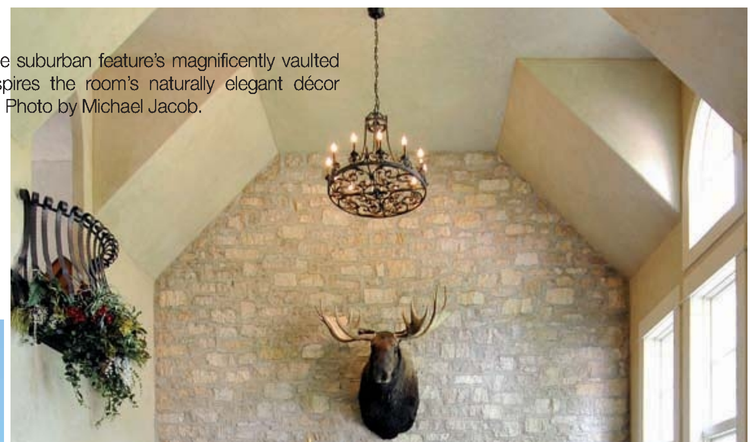
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Slate tile in a striking vertical pattern sets the stage for the creative angular design of the kitchen in Room for Improvement (page 66). Photo by Ashley Gieseking.

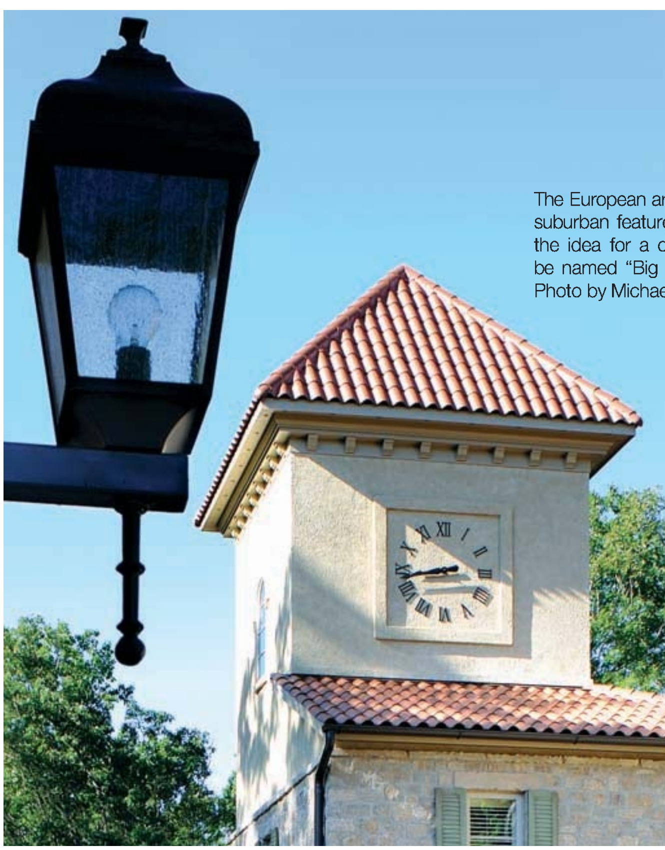




Ottomans designed with a vibrant twist bedazzle the palette of our urban feature (pages 30-31). Photo by Rob Grimm.



Our unique suburban feature's magnificently vaulted ceiling inspires the room's naturally elegant décor (page 42). Photo by Michael Jacob.



The European architecture in our suburban feature had a hand in the idea for a clock that would be named "Big Ben" (page 36). Photo by Michael Jacob.



A dramatic peacock fire screen by Janice Minor from Neiman Marcus adds sparks of eye-catching color to our Obsession department (page 16). Photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.


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